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Don't Destroy Saucers, They Are From Space

The Air Force received a wire Wednesday from Cincinnati urging reconsideration of the order to shoot down flying saucers. The sender whose name was withheld said that advanced aerodynamics indicated the saucers were probably intercelestial origin.

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July 31 1952 Racine (Wis.) Journal Times

HARDER TO BRUSH OFF 'FLYING SAUCERS' AS SILLY

Washington (NEA) For the first time , numerous and simultaneous sightings have been confirmed by official radar observers. This happened twice under almost identical circumstances on two successive Saturday nights. This new chapter in the weird flying saucer story was written in the skies over Washington for six hours before dawn on Sunday July 20 and again one week later. Airlines Pilot SC Pierman saw six objects at the same time the CAA radar did.

Hollywood, July 6: Stepin Fetchit's return to films after a 13 year absence was assured today with the signing of the Negro comedian for a major role in Universal-International's "Bend of the Snake." James Stewart is the star, Aaron Rosenberg will produce and Anthony Mann will direct. The cameras roll this month.

S. George Uhlman, who agented Fetchit to screen success initially, engineered the deal.

Another rung in the ladder marking Stepin Fetchit's ascension to renewed film fame is offered by producer Joe Kaufman with a role in his upcoming Joan Crawford starrer, "Sudden Fear."

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SCARED SALESMAN SAYS SAUCER SWOOP NEARLY OVERTURNS CAR

Sid Eubanks Wichita, Kansas, told police tuesday night he was almost swept from the highway by a huge flying saucer which swooped low at an amazing speed. Eubanks said the mystery object appeared as a yellow-green, then yellow-brown streak about 400 feet long, it flew very low completely reversed directions in a few seconds and disappeared into the West. He described it as a huge round ball when directly over him.

Aug 1 1952 L. A. Mirror

NOSTRADAMUS GETS IN ACT

Dick Williams, amusement editor, reported that Carey Wilson, a Nostradamus authority, ~~prophesied~~ believes the seer was prophesying the coming of flying saucers in ~~one~~ his 1672 folio edition. "Heavenly objects almost without number," he wrote, " will become known to the human race. . . This amazing revelation will neither make anyone rich nor do anyone harm."

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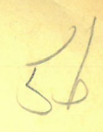
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'SHUTTERBUG' GRABS PHOTO OF SAUCERS

Under an AP dateline from Washington the Coast Guard released a photo taken at 9:35 a.m. , July 16, by Shell R Alpert , 21, an air station photographer attached to the Coast Guard at Salem, Mass. The photo shows clearly four round objects, against a background of cars on the ground at the right and a building at the left. Each saucer appears to have two identical shafts of light extending across its center and protruding at the forward and rear ends. The lights are in V formation. (The photograph was spread over the front page of most afternoons papers on Aug 1. across the country. FS.)

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On Friday August 1, 1952 Tal Paulis was sitting out on his porch in Wrightwood a few minutes after 10 p.m. He was watching the sky. Three stars in particular. Suddenly one of the stars starts moving over the ridge of the mountain, too fast for a plane, too slow for a meteor or falling star. It went along at the same altitude until it was out of sight. Elapsed time approximately 20 seconds. His wife confirmed the sighting.



August I, 1952 New York Times

FLYING SAUCER QUERIES HAMPER AIR FORCE WORK

An Air Force spokesman said today that the queries on the flying saucers had affected the regular work. So far this year they have received 432 written reports on sightings. They said one man works full time on the queries and has had to turn over many of the questions to the director of Mititary Intelligence for reply. That office has turned to the Air Technical Center at Dayton Ohio., for help .

Aug 1 1952 The Richfield Reporter.

WHOOPS! THEIR GOES THE 5:15 TO THE MOON!

The Washington News thus headlined the photograph of four saucers caught in V formation by Coast Guard Photographer Shell R Alpert at Salem, Mass on July 16 and not released by the Pentagon until Aug 1.

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TRICKY RADAR HABITS PROVE SAUCER "BLIPS"CAN BE ALMOST ANYTHING

Air Force experts said today it was nothing to be excited about that radar had picked up the so-called flying saucers. They said it was nothing unusual for radar, " a tricky gadget" to pick up rain squalls, birds, water spouts, and even surf spray.

August 1, 1952 New York Herald-Tribune

SHALLOW PUN OF DEEP THINKER

Sidelight appearING in Hy Gardner's "Early Bird Coast To Coast" column:

Deep-Thinker Dept: Wonder if those flying saucers are Taft and Kefauver buttons?

August 1, 1952: Los Angeles Times

"SNIPERS TAKE AFTER FLYING SAUCERS"

Flying saucers are bad enough, but combine em with a phantom sniper's bullet, and you've got something. Jordan M. Reifel and his wife were entertaining neighbors last night in their back yard when suddenly they heard what sounded like "a 22 caliber rifle shot and the whine of a bullet." A few minutes later, the worried Reifels said, "everybody in the patio observed a formation of white things zooming over-head in the sky." ~~Some of them thought they might be birds, Mrs Riefel explained, "but they were going very fast and suddenly disappeared."~~ All of this would have been discounted by Pasadena police but there were several other reports which mentioned saucers and sniper bullets also.

August 2, 1952 San Bernardino, Sun

MYSTERY PHOTO ADDS TO PUZZLE

Coast Guard Hearquarters released a strange photograph taken from its Salem, Mass. air station at 9:35 a. m. July 16. The picture shows four large light spots, in a sort of "V" formation in a clear sky. The Coast Guard said it had no opinion as to what the lights were but had released the picture because of the wide-spread public interest.

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August 2, 1952 San Bernardino Sun ~~San Bernadino~~ Sun

FLYING SAUCERS SEEN IN CITY AREA

At least three people reported seeing round or silvery objects in the sky over Muscoy and the South part on San Bernardino. One report said a large silver object swooped down on him and several other witnesses, then shot upward , hovering over them a few seconds before disappearing.

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August 2, 1952 ~~San Bernardino~~ Sun

TOM SWIFT MAY BE MAKING SAUCERS IN BID TO AGAIN BE HERO OF AMERICAN BOYHOOD

Hal Boyle in his Notebook column relieves the 2flying saucer" tention with a bit of levity. One question he askes of the Air Force seems to cover a lot of ground, "With all the men in the sky ~~it seems~~ in the last world war, no flying saucers were reported before 1947. Were optical illusions and weather changes invented in 1947?"

August 2, 1952: Los Angeles Times

"SAUCERS WAVES BOMBER, ADIEU ~~ADD ZEST TO EVENTS OF DAY.~~"

Two flying saucers were sighted by a woman supervisor of the Indio Ground Observation post, Col. O. S. Dresher reported yesterday. He released a copy of a report made by Mrs. Pauline Watts, who made the same report to the USAF. She said she saw the saucers at 2:40 p.m. on July 14 near two B-36 bombers. "These two round disks were stationary in the sky, very metallic and shiny, much brighter than any plane I have seen. They looked to be about one-tird the size of the bombers if at the same height. Finally they took off in a straight up direction as one bomber approached closer towards them and in seconds they were gone."

August 2, 1952: Los Angeles Times

"FLYING DISKS AGAIN AROUND L.A. ~~IN SOUTHLAND~~"

Two flying saucers flew over Southern California yesterday and reports from witnesses flooded various media with accounts. The Lancaster Sheriff's Substation said it received six calls describing the objects which hovered at about 1,000 ft. In Palmdale, CAA operations specialists, Don Benson and Ray Hollings, observed two saucers for about 30 minutes and reported them to George AFB but no jet interceptors were sent aloft. Another report came from Jack Roff, Game Warden, who spotted similar objects over Lake Hughes. And in Burbank, a silver, oblong object was observed just meandering over the city at about 8:30 a.m. by Mrs. Dick Turpin.

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August 4, 1952 Los Angeles Examiner

L.A. SAUCERS CAVORT IN SKY

Grant C. Hinton of Huntington Park told deputies at the sheriffs station that he and his family and neighbors saw two distinct objects in the sky Saturday. He said the disks seemed to change color and remained on the horizen for 15 minutes.

Merl Clausen of Downey reported he saw an "Arrow-like object" remain stationary over his home about a half an hour, and then head due East.

A student from the University of Southern Calif. reported from Burbank he had seen two flying saucers over Universal Studio in Notbh Hollywood. He said they were large and blue colored with their 19ghts blinking off and on.

August 4, 1952: Los Angeles Times

"DISKS SEEN OVER AIR STATION"

El Centro, Aug 3--William Dickey, Civil Defense Co-Ordinator for Imperial County reported this morning that several families saw flying saucers early today in the Southwest and Western Sky between the hours of midnight and 2:30 a.m. Dickey said there were reportedly eight units whi h performed gyrations in the sky and changed colors to show red, yellow and white. Terence P. Nelson, one of the observers, said he observed the saucers through binoculars for almost two hours and that one of the units hovered over the Naval Air Station for almost an hour. He said he phoned the station and that shortly thereafter the saucer disappeared over the horizon.

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August 4, 1952 Los Angeles Examiner

AIRMAN DENIES SAUCERS OURS

Major General Roger H. Ramey said today the saucers could not be Soviet built because the Russians have no ability to produce an object that uses such a tremendous source of power that it can't be traced by radar. He further stated that the saucers definitely were not our own, the air force experts have dismissed 80 per cent of the 1500 saucer reports as natural and considers the interplanetary origan explanition of the saucers as only a possibility.

August 4, 1952: The Times-Picayune

"EGG SHAPED DISC OVER NEW ORLEANS"

A preacher's son, along with the administrative assistant of an evangelist, reported seeing an egg-shaped flying saucer streak across the New Orleans sky about 7:30 p.m. Monday. In a telephone report the two young men described the object as a white light which materialized and then vanished as it hurtled in a southeasterly direction, all in the space of about 40 seconds. At first they thought it was a falling star but they added, "it couldn't have been because it followed a horizontal line of flight."

August 4, 1952: Los Angeles Times

THEY ASKED FOR THEM!

~~SOUTHLAND REPORTS CONTINUE ON SAUCERS~~

Reports continued to roll into Air Force Filter-centers at Pasadena and Santa Ana yesterday. Descriptions of the objects sighted were varying but the Air Force announced it will continue to study them. Two sky watchers at Laguna Beach reported seeing an airborne object moving past their post at about 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, but the Air Force stamped it as secret until yesterday. The disk-shaped thing sparkled brilliantly in the Southwest sky, reversed its direction of travel and then disappeared, according to the sky-watchers. Other reports came in from Pasadena, Huntington Park, Universal City, ~~and~~ North Hollywood and Los Angeles.

August 4, 1952: The Times-Picaqune

"JAPAN, FORMOSA REPORT SAUCERS"

Tokyo, Aug 4(AP)--The newspaper Yomiuri said Monday it had received more than 150 letters from persons reporting they saw flying saucers over Japan Friday night. Japanese astronomers, however, unanimously agreed the objects were meteors. In Taipeh, Formosa, newspapers quoted a chinese man and wife as saying they saw two shiny circles Saturday morning streak eastward across the city at 10 minute intervals. The couple described them as going faster than a jet but slower than a meteor.

5 August 1952: Los Angeles Time s

"FORM ISSUED FOR REPORTS OF SAUCERS

The Air Force has issued a standard form for reporting the interrogation of saucer sighters the Times learned yesterday. Containing 25 questions under the heading "unidentified Flying Object Reporting Form," the interrogation is divided into four categories: 1) Brief description of object or objects. 2) Time of observing object. 3) Manner of observation. 4) Location of observer. Officials at the filter center in Pasadena, California where the forms were first issued declared that an average of four saucer reports a day are received among some 1000 flash messages on aircraft activity. Among questions asked are the following: shape, size, color, number, formation, features, etc. The last question on the form is notable. "Did you get any photographs or FRAGMENTS?"

August 5, 1952: ~~Account by S/Sgt Jerrold E. Baker~~

"SAUCER PEEKS AT LACKLAND AFB"

Seven NCO's from the 3731st and 3732nd Basic Military Training Squadrons, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, sighted an object they all believed to be a flying saucer, A/2C Peter D'Angelo, first noted the silver, saucer-shaped object high in the sky and called its attention to other NCOs present. Descriptions from all those witnessing the phenomenon confirmed "it was something I never saw before." Phone calls were made to weather bureau at Kelly and Randolph AFB and neither had released any balloons previous to the sighting. This was the only object all agreed it could possibly have been.

and reported the sighting to S. Sgt Jerrold E. Baker.

August 6, 1952: San Antonio Express

"EVEN MAYORS CAN SEE 'EM"

GAINESVILLE, Aug 6(AP)--A former Gainesville mayor who is a member of the Board of Education has joined the ranks of the "I-saw-a-flying-saucer-Society." H.A. Latham accompanied by his brother and son spotted the thing in the sky Tuesday night while fishing in a lake about 10 miles south of here. "I'd been skeptical up to then of all these flying saucer stories,"the former mayor said,"but all three of us saw the same object at the same time." He described the object as cylindrical in shape, moving in an arc, first slowly then ~~extremely~~ rapid, to the west. Latham said he was sure it was not an airplane or a shooting star or a reflection.

August 12, 1952: San Antonio Express

FLYING TURTLE AND WOMAN GO THRU RED LIGHTS

Stanton, Aug 12(AP)--Everybody thinks turtles don't fly--so what was the thing Mrs. Flora Rogers saw paddling through the air over her West Texas ranch? "It was shaped like a turtle," she said. But Mrs. Rogers figured that the object was really some sort of radar machine taking pictures of the land beneath. "The thing had a crack all the way around it and there were three paddle-like objects resembling boat oars which moved slowly back and forth in smooth motion," she said. The turtle emitted a blue flame, made no sound, lacked windows and doors, and flew about 20 feet high across the road in front of her. The turtle didn't frighten her until it zoomed straight up and disappeared in seconds. "I was so scared," she said, "that I had to lift my feet into the car. I drove the 18 miles to the Sheriff's office and didn't stop for a light or anything."

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12 August 1952: The Charleston Gazette

"I WISH I WERE IN DIXIE."

Raleigh, N.C., Aug.12(UP)--Civil Aeronautics officials at Raleigh, N.C., reported that orange-red objects have been sighted streaking across the skies for the past two nights. Included among the list of those who fancy illusions was a professor at North Caroline State College(requested his name be withheld) claiming to see seven or eight objects traveling at a high altitude and a tremendous speed.

13 August 1952: The Reporter ~~(Neighborhood newspaper)~~

MRS ALLENDORF SEES IT THROUGH

Mrs. Lee Allendorf ~~and family~~ of 6229 Montgomery Rd, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, (she and her family) (rebuffed by metropolitan dailies, reported to The Reporter that) were awakened last Thursday, 7 August 1952, at dawn by a steady, rumbling, whirring noise. They glanced out their second story window to see a large metal object, oval in shape and "looking like the lower half of a dirigible hovering 80-90 feet over the Monte Vista Theatre." The noise from the craft was penetrating and "seemed to shake the whole house," she said. The three viewers resented the fact that the daily papers had treated their report in a light vein and hoped something might be done in a way of a thorough investigation. All were agreed they saw something which did not come under the conventional rocket or aircraft classification. When ~~Worm~~ last seen the saucer was headed in the direction of Norwood. The Reporter gave the story a full front page streamer headline.

~~* DAILIES DAILY PAPERS WOULDN'T HANDLE STORY~~

August 14, 1952: Dallas ~~Times~~ Morning News

"CHIEF AIRLINE PILOT ~~CHASES LIGHT OVER DALLAS.~~ BOXES MENZEL'S PSYCHOSIS"

Dallas, Aug 14(AP)--Capt. Max M. Jacoby, who has been flying for 16 years, disclosed Thursday that he chased a big, orange light, apparently not of earthly origin, Wednesday night in a transport plane. The light was of the type generally put in the "flying saucer" category, but Jacoby declined to call it more than a "light" for fear he would be ridiculed or laughed at. He never did catch the light.

August 14 1952 The Journal of Philosophy

PHILOSOPHER SUGGESTS BRAINS BETTER ELSEWHERE

B. A. G. Fuller of the University of Southern California read a paper on Flying Saucers, advancing the premise that man's belief that he was the center of universe may be a mistaken idea and "that elsewhere intelligent life may have occurred equal in some respects and in some, perhaps all, superior to his particular brand." The philosopher cited Jones, Wells, Hoyle, Scully, Haldane, Heard, Von Fritsch and Plato to support his brief.

14 August 1952: The Racine Journal

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GIVES MENZEL THE BRUSHOFF

~~"BRIGHT LIGHTS OVER LAKE PUZZLE COAST GUARD"~~

Two bright lights sighted in the overcast above Lake Michigan last Sunday night ~~(10 Aug 1952)~~ have been officially reported to US Coast Guard Headquarters in Chicago, it was learned today. The fireballs first sighted by Edward Langenfeld Jr. on his father's farm were called to the attention of the family and ~~Mr. & Mrs. Dawson visiting~~ friends. All watched the lights for a half-hour, one above the other. One would disappear for minutes and reappear, then the other woudd repeat the process. This alternating began at 9 PM and continued until 11:30 p.m. ~~having begun at 9 p.m.~~ CWO John Needham, from Racine Coast Guard station, investigated and said he was satisified it was not due to weather phenomenon or a mirage. He said the information in his official report was restricted.

Augus t 18, 1952: Time Magazine

"THE THEOLOGY OF SAUCERS"

Summarizing his churche's position on the question of invaders from outer space, Father Francis J. Connell, C.Ss.R., Dean of Catholic University's School of Sacred Theology stated that theologically speaking there were four principal classes into which they might fall: "1) They might have received a supernatural destiny from God, lost it and been redeemed: 2) God could have created them with a natural but eternal destiny 3) They might be rational beings who sinned against God but were never given the chance to regain grace. 4) They might have received supernatural gifts and kept them, leading the paradisical existance of Adam & Eve before they ate the forbidden fruit."

August 20, 1952: The Oregonian

"SAUCER SCARE HITS RUSSIANS"

BERLIN, Aug.20(AP)--The Russians, too, according to reliable information here, are becomming concerned about flying saucers. A German Scientist's daughter, who lived in the Russian zone and was conscripted for work in a Moscow laboratory, escaped to the western zone recently. This girl, ~~of~~ 24, told the high commissioner's office that the Russians had come to the conclusions that flying saucer are not figments of imagination, but something real. In the beginning, she said, the Russians dismissed the heavenly objects as propaganda released by the western world as a scare in the hope of convincing timid persons of the great scientific might of the west. This did not bother them. They thought the entire program laughable. According to the scientist's daugher, the Russians do not believe the mysterious objects are space ships from another planet.

August 20, 1952: The New York Times

"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VENUS PLANET EXPLANATION?

~~"AF RELEASES MANTELL'S LAST MESSAGE"~~

Washington, Aug 20(AP)---The AF announced details of the conversation between Capt. Thomas Mantell and the control tower which took place on January 7, 1948. At about 2:45 p.m. Mantell reported sighting an unidentified object "directly ahead and above me and moving half my speed."It appears metallic of tremendous size." A few moments later, Mantell reported the object was moving about same speed--(360mph) and "it was bright and climbing away from me." Capt Mantell then said he was going up to 20,000 feet and if he failed to catch it he would abandon the chase. That was his last message. No identification of the object has been announced. ~~(I SUPPOSE THEY FORGOT ABOUT VENUS THIS TIME.)~~

August 21, 1952: The Oregonian

"FIREBALL SHOT FROM SAUCER" BURNS SCOUTMASTER

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug 21(INS)--Scoutmaster D.S. Desvergers of West Palm Beach said Thursday he not only saw a flying saucer but was knocked down by a "ball of fire." Desvergers left a group of boys to investigate "flares" in a wood. When he failed to return, the boys summoned sheriff's officers who found the Scoutmaster with three holes burned in his cap and his hair singed off his forearms. Desvergers said he "smelled burning metal" after he entered the woods. He looked up in the sky and said he saw a flying saucer. Moments later he was knocked down by a "ball of fire."

August 23, 1952: Chicago Tribune

"JET FIGHTERS CHASE MENZEL'S PSYCHOSIS ~~SKY OBJECT THAT BLINKS OUT~~"

Chicago, Aug 23(AP)--Two Air Force jet fighters, directed by ground observers, chased a yellowish brown light in the sky last night but reported that it blinked out when they started chasing in on it. Ground observers said that when the plane gave up the chase the light reappeared and ascended rapidly into the night sky. The significance of this report is that Air Force Officers in the Chicago Filter Center said the blinking out of the light over Elgin, Ill., was reported simultaneously at 11:48 p.m. last night by the pilots and by D.C. Scott, supervisor of the center's ground observers in the Elgin area. The same object was sighted at another observation post 20 miles north and west of Elgin later in the evening.

Story of D. S. Desvergers, West Palm Beach, Flordia, August 19, 1952

On the night of August 19, 1952, a 11 P.M. D. S. Desvergers, 30, a hardware salesman, who had once been a marine, and in World War II, served in Naval Intelligence, was taking some boy scouts back to West Palm Beach, Florida, from a hiking trip. The sky was clear except for a few scattered clouds, though earlier in the evening there had been some rain. They had reached an area about 12 miles southwest of West Palm Beach on a road called South Military trail, and about a quarter mile south of Lantanna Road.

In a clearing Desvergers saw a large object, perhaps 30 feet in diameter, hovering about 10 feet above the earth. When he went closer to examine it it projected a ballof fire at him. He was overcome, not so much, he later testified, by the heat or light, by the overpowering stench. He blacked out and two of the scouts summoned the police. Deputy Sheriff Martin N. Partin came on the summons and reported that Desvergers' arms and hair weresinged and there weretiny holes burned in his cap. He also reported that the grass was scorched where the scoutmaster said he had encountered the object. The scouts said D. had flashed his light on the object and then he was blasted by the ball of fire and overcome. One of the scouts, Charles Stevens, said the group saw a big glowing white light coming down out of the sky, and there were about 6 reddish lights around it when it neared the ground. David Rowan, another scout, said that soon after Desvergers entered thewoods, something showered

sparks all over the area like a Roman Candle.

Desvergers claimed the flying object carried people who were as afraid of him as he was of them, or otherwise they would not have projected the ball of fire directly at his head. He said that high-ranking officers from Washington were in substantial agreement of what the object was, but he was not at liberty to express their opinions, fearing if he did, it might cause another Orson Welles panic.

"It's not ours," he added, and he believed whatever it was it would determine the future of all of us some day.

AP dispatch appearing in the Syracuse Post Standard, 8/24/52

By Sunday Desvergers had come down a bit and had been put through the military ringer. The previous Friday he had met with those military officials from Washington, whose names he wouldn't disclose to C. W. Cabaniss, ~~Post Time~~ staff writer of the Palm Beach Post Times. As far as he was concerned we had caught up and passed the Buck Rogers stories. He never believed in flying saucers until he was attacked by one that Tuesday night in a clearing 12 miles from town, while taking three boy scouts home from a meeting. By Sunday he had been through several physical and mental examinations and had apparently been cleared to the satisfaction of the military and the psychiatrists.

"I saw something I wish I hadn't," he said. "If there's any truth about hair standing straight up I knew mine must have stoodon end when I flashed my light on that mushroom shaped object as it hovered over me hissing like a huge leaking tire." He said it smelled worse than burning flesh and that was what blacked him out.

He said he had pledged military officials not to disclose many phases of his experience. Apparently this referred to the occupants of the object. When the deputy sheriff shook him back to consciousness the object had gone. His wife, Donna Drought, and neighbors, testified that he was a man of great personal courage and nothing seemed to have scared him up to this experience. They have a 7-months old son, J. D. (Skipper) Desvergers 3rd. After his experience "Sonny" said he has been flooded with wires, phone calls and letters and was offered large sums of money to answer just 10 questions on radio program. National magazines as well as scientists from research laboratories have been pursuing him too. He said he could use the money but had pledged his word to the military investigators to withhold such answers as they had requested. "I believe it's for the good of the people that they don't know until the information is released from the authorities," he said.

Apparently he had no idea where the object or its crew had come from, though on that same day he was being interviewed in Palm Beach Dr. Otto Struve, told the convention of Western Amateur Astronomers at Berkely, Calif, that there are probably thousands of ~~plents~~ planets along the Milky Way capable of supporting intelligent life, but the chances are that the inhabitants reaching us aboard flying saucers were nil.

Astronomers figure that in the Milky Way there are 1000 to 10,000 planets resembling this earth but one of these planets picked at random would be about 50,000 light years away, that would be 300 quadrillion miles (300000000000000000 miles) travelling at the speed of light it would have taken them 50,000 years to reach here, according to Dr. Struve, who is the head of the department of Astronomy at University of California.

Syracuse Herald-Hournal 9/26/52

W. Virginia 'Saucers' Credible, Says Expert.

(The writer, 41-year-old author and lecturer, was educated at Eton and Cambridge University, where he took honors in geology, zoology and botany. He has traveled extensively to remote areas of the world with many scientific expeditions. Author of six books, he also contributes extensively to mahy leading national periodicals.)

By IVAN T. SANDERSON.

Sutton, W. Va. (NANA) - At sundown on the evening of Sept 12 a fleet of pear-shaped objects, glowing dull red to white, according to their speed of travel, flew in formation over northeaster West Virginia less than 1,000 feet above ground and crashed in Braxton County.

Everybody in the state knows about this and thousands in Braxton saw the things, two were nearly hit by them. Eight people could have touched one, but they were too confused andfrightened, becausesomething came out of the object.

On-the-spot investigations by thisreporter also have brought to light three following additional facts overlooked in the first reports.

The exact point of landing of three of theseven objects is now known. Apart from a terrific smell, which long since has gone, nothing but some white substance which is being analyzed in Charleston has been found. Onelanding still has to be investigated, and another re uires additional search because the area is densely wooded, mountainous and uninhabited.

The twelve-foot, glowing, green monster that has been widely reported as having been seen alongside a glowing cone that landed on a mountain pasture near the tiny village of Flatwood in this county, was not a man, or a monster, but some sort of machine like a diving bell. If thetwo frightened adults and five intelligent young boys who say that they

saw it are not all the most experiences liars who ever lived.

We have questioned these youngsters separately and together, with and without their elders, for two days, and we can report definitely that the they are not lying.

They have drawn pictures of what they saw and they keep saying that it wa a ten-foot man because the top of it was level with a branch of a tree ten feet above ground and its shape was something like the upper half of a hooded man. They said this because they never have seen a modern, deep-water diving suit.

What they describe is a truncated cone with a smaller cone on top of it. This little cone has a circular transparent window in front . . .